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In re the Application of

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Serial No.: 09/381,561 Examiner: M. Pham

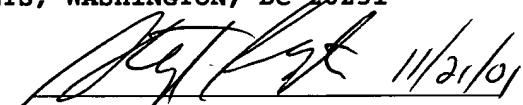
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AMENDMENT

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 2327  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2001, the Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time and requests amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

39. (Amended) A kit comprising an assessment device according to any of claims 20-37 comprising an assessment device, assay

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